

Duration of Home Isolation for Individuals with COVID-19



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Isolation means the separation of a person or group of people known or reasonably believed to be infected with a communicable disease from those who are not infected, in order to prevent spread of the communicable disease.

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Person receives positive test results for COVID-19 from their provider. The Local Health Department (LHD) is then notified.



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The LHD calls the individual to notify them of voluntary home isolation.

If individuals demonstrate they are unwilling to voluntarily abide, the LHD may have to issue a quarantine/isolation order. If the person fails to comply, the LHD may petition a court to order compliance. The LHD may employ quarantine guards if intent to violate a quarantine order is shown. Typically, the LHD employs local law enforcement.



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Home isolation occurs for person with COVID-19. During this period a Public Health Nurse will call the person daily to monitor symptoms.



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To be released from home isolation, the current recommendation per WI DHS is that the following conditions are met:

3 days (72 hrs) have passed since recovery
- Recovery is defined as being without a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath)

AND

At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

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A Public Health Nurse will notify the individual they can end home isolation.

